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Weather report from leaky town

Dry leaves falling, bird droppings, damage to structure — some of the reasons citizens want the trees near their property chopped off

LOW-HANGING FRUIT

Any cutting of tree or even trimming of branches without permission is illegal

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Even as Bengaluru's green cover is depleting at a rate faster than ever in the name of various development activities, cases of illegal tree felling by citizens and requests to cut trees located in front of private properties are rising. According to the officials from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) Forest Department, the number of requests to remove trees located in front of houses is piling up.

Reasons sited include dry leaves falling inside the campus, bird droppings creating nuisance and presumable damage to the concrete structure in the vicinity.

"We are getting at least three to four calls every week from citizens, seeking clearance for removing avenue trees as some of the branches have entered their properties. They call saying their houses are getting dirty due to dry leaves falling or decayed fruit dropping. However, such requests are not entertained as cutting a tree or even trimming branches based on these reasons and without seeking permission are illegal," said Sarina Sikkaligar, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), BBMP.

Trees of Bengaluru are governed by the Karnataka Preservation of Tree (Amendment) Act 1976. As per the Act, permission from BBMP Forest department is a

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"We lodge FIR and then value the tree that was axed. This number is compounded four times to decide the fine amount to be imposed on the defaulter. Regular offenders are charge-sheeted

— Sarina Sikkaligar, DCF, BBMP

Curious case of missing names

Hundreds of people from apartment complexes near E-City don't figure in voters' list

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It seems booth level officers (BLOs) are not inclined to ensure 100 percent polling in the State Assembly election by helping and motivating people to register their names in the voters' list. Though the Election Commission is spending money to create awareness among the voters to exercise their franchise on May 10, a few BLOs are not functioning as per the aspirations of people who want to take the Election Commission's advice seriously.

Hundreds of people residing at apartment complexes near Electronics City are in shock to find their names missing from the voters' list. Some of them have been trying to register their names in the voters' list but in vain.

"I have been running pillar to the post in the last two years to get my name registered in the voters' list. My application was rejected five times by the booth level officer for one or the other reason. I have also complained to Election Commission Deputy Chief Executive Officer Shambu Bhat 18 months ago. He told me that the BLO should not reject or delete the voter IDs without a proper reason. I will send an email to the Election Commission in this regard. I feel getting a passport or other documents is easy but it is not easy to get the voter ID," said Mani Ranjan, a resident.

He said that the Election Commission Deputy Chief Executive

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Seasons and more!

Bangalore Creative Circus presents First Drop Theatre's `Seasons`, a performance in the format of Playback Theatre. Seasons... they come and they go, sometimes lasting longer than we wish for and at other times, leaving too soon. Many a time, the season outside is just a reflection of what we are carrying within us but often, the two are also at odds with each other. Share your real-life moments and feelings about your seasons, and then watch our actors bring your stories to life, on-the-spot. **Where: Bangalore Creative Circus; When: May 6, 5pm**
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Lens-eye view

Catch the inaugural collaboration between the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) and the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore! On display will be an Exhibition: India Tecton by German photographer Nicolaus Schmidt and an exclusive workshop on Photography: Ideas and Design Tools. The workshop begins with a guided tour of the Exhibition at the Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan, giving the participants the opportunity to ask the artist about his working methods. In the practical part of the course, participants first learn about the wide range of photographic concepts and working methods.
Where: Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan (only on morning of Day 1), Museum of Art and Photography; When: May 15 to 19, 10.30 am - 5 pm
Info: goethe.de/bangalore

03 Flea market

The 'Artisan Bazaar' is a collective of artists, designers, and makers who have come together to offer their high-quality, limited quantity products. The city's culture, art lovers and shoppers are in for a treat, as Flea080 is back and this time with the theme of a colourful 'Artisan Bazaar'.
Where: White Houzz, HSR Layout; When: May 5 - 9, 11 am to 9 pm

To bee or not to bee

An awareness session at a residential society where a bee hive has made its home

Bengalureans are learning to co-exist with honeybees

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Bengaluru's honeybee conservationists and beekeepers say they are flooded with calls by apartment complexes and housing societies regarding bee nests on their balconies and windowsills. However, the good news is that most of these calls are regarding either removal of the nests in a humane way or learning to coexist through awareness sessions.

According to Apoorva BV, a honeybee conservationist, and a beekeeper by profession, while he received nearly a hundred calls in April, nearly 90 of them were for an awareness session for the residents on how to coexist with nature's best pollinator.

"With every year passing, such calls are increasing in number. This shows that Bengalureans are aware of the issues and are willing to share their space with honeybees instead of getting rid of them," said Apoorva.

Experts say the best strategy that the residents can adopt is 'wait and watch.' According to Apoorva, 70 per cent of the colonies vacate their nests after three months, 20 per cent of the rest stay for six months and only 10 per cent stay put for eight to ten months.

"We present these statistics to the residents during our awareness sessions and request them to wait for a couple of months. Bees come to the city in March as there is a lot of nectar and pollen available. However, the majority fly away by May end. Moreover, Bengaluru also receives good rainfall, driving away the bees. Once we share this information and let the residents have an internal discussion, the majority agree to wait," said Apoorva.

Bee nest handlers and conservationists say people are becoming increasingly aware about the important roles that these pollinators play in the biodiversity scene.

> **"More and more people are now recognising the role of this insect in ensuring food security and biodiversity**
> – Apoorva BV, a honeybee conservationist and beekeeper

"More and more people are now recognising the role of this insect in ensuring food security and biodiversity. they are willing to learn. We have started advising the residential layouts and apartment complexes to observe bee vigilance week every year so all the residents can be made aware about the important role bees play in nature," added Apoorva.

Experts say residents can utilise some hacks to avoid swarms coming into the balconies and windows. Since bees prefer nesting on the ceiling, making ceilings unstable during the time swarms are looking for a nesting place is a good idea.

"The most common complaint that people have is they cannot access their balconies and windows due to the nests. We suggest residents put up a parallel cloth to the ceiling which does not provide stability. Moreover, installing a red coloured gelatine screen on glass doors and windows will keep the bees at bay at night. This is because bees are colour blind to red," said a bee expert.

A clean and green movement

The government of India and UK, in partnership with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), have come up with an initiative, Innovating for Transport and Energy Systems (ITES), in a bid to developing greener, quicker and more affordable ways for people and goods to move around.

ITES will bring together innovators, industry heavyweights, researchers, policymakers and investors from both countries to target the transport system's toughest decarbonisation challenges, such as developing an electric vehicle-ready infrastructure.

The initiative is one of the first to be announced following a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by UK and India Science Ministers on April 26 in Westminster, to boost science and innovation, and deliver economic growth across the two countries.

Adopting a perspective across the whole transport and energy system, ITES will consider the multiple solutions needed to deliver cleaner seas, skies, roads and railways.

Cutting-edge research programmes in India and the UK will test technologies and explore pathways for sustainable and clean transport – such as electric and hydrogen solutions – that are reliable, affordable and acceptable to businesses and consumers, as well as ensuring an infrastructure and energy generation system that can meet demand.

The initiative will be steered by in-country partner, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

"India is currently passing through an interesting phase of economic growth and infrastructure development in many sectors including transport, which provides a great opportunity for the country to leapfrog to a sustainable and net zero future. ITES, which is anchored within the IST lab, will harness the UK and India's rich reputation for R&D and the strength of our business sectors to pioneer test beds that unlock better data, clearer decision-making and bolder collective action from industry and leaders in the transport and energy sector," said prof Ashish Verma, convenor, IISc Sustainable Transportation (IST) Lab.

ITES aims to attract public, private and third sector partners and sponsors to ensure activities are market-led and solve practical problems, such as zero-emission fleets and last-mile delivery, and innovative charging technologies. — BMB

Taking the bus? Silence is golden

Passengers should be penalised for playing videos loudly & being noisy: Commuters

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The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST), a public transportation provider running bus routes in Mumbai, has introduced a new directive on excessive sound in the bus: passengers are banned from listening to audio or video clips and talking loudly on their mobile phones. While the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has such a directive already implemented in the Silicon city, commuters complain that they have never witnessed it being implemented.

"It takes close to one hour and often, more than an hour and a half to reach my university. I try to spend these commuting hours catching up on my reading. However, there is often someone or the other on the bus playing video clips loudly on their phones. It disturbs everybody around them," said Sanjana, a university student and regular user of BMTC.

Deepthika, another commuter, pointed out that the issue is not unique to buses alone but frequently occurs in other public transport systems too. "This happens in the metro also. While it is okay for people to pick up their phones and talk to others, especially if it is an emergency, they must also know when to draw a line," she said. She added that the BMTC buses are often jam packed, with passengers standing right next to each other, yet many choose to talk on their phones loudly or watch video clips without the usage of earphones. "It is very annoying for those travelling back home after finishing a long day's shift," she said.

Many say this is common on other public transports where people choose to talk loudly on their phones or play videos without using earphones

A senior official from the BMTC confirmed that such a measure has already been implemented in the BMTC. In September 2019, the corporation put out a notification that said playing loud music and videos on gadgets like mobile phones and MP3s is a violation of Motor Vehicle Rules. It also noted that there won't be any restrictions on those who talk on the phone or listen to music through headsets, without disturbing those around them.

Section 94 (V) of the Karnataka Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 says that if a commuter using a state carriage bus, sings or plays any musical instrument or operates a transistor radio, then "the driver or the conductor may require such person to alight from the vehicle and may stop the vehicle or keep it stationary until such person has alighted. Such person shall not be entitled to a refund of any fare which he may have paid and any person failing to comply may be removed by the conductor or the driver, or any police officer on being requested by the driver or conductor or any passenger...".

However, commuters have urged for the authorities to take strict action against those who are found guilty. If commuters are found faulty by the BEST directive introduced in Mumbai, they can be prosecuted under section 38 of the Bombay Police Act, 1951, which deals with an umbrella of offences with regard to annoyance, disturbance or discomfort caused in public due to music, sound or noise. The Act has a fine of Rs 5,000 or three months of imprisonment. Bus commuters who BM spoke want such a directive to be implemented.

CRIME FILES

Foreigner robbed by fake cops

Several people pretended to be cops and stole money from foreign nationals in the city.

According to the sources, they claimed to be police and extorted Rs 4 lakh from a foreigner.

The culprits robbed the money of Ged Saif Mokbel, a citizen of Yemen who had come to India for medical treatment.

When Mokbel was going to Empire Hotel in Kammanahalli, a stranger stopped the car and said that he was a policeman and wanted to check the car.

The accused came in a white car and checked the foreigner's car. Later, they snatched about Rs 4 lakhs and fled. A case has been registered in Banaswadi police station regarding the incident. **–BMB**

Woman assaulted by cabbie

High Grounds police have arrested a man who sexually assaulted a woman in a cab and left her in the middle of the road. The accused has been identified as Amit Kumar. The driver, who had picked up the woman who had booked a cab from Indiranagar to the airport had driven the car carelessly and very fast.

When the woman complained, he assaulted her and left her on the road. The woman lodged a complaint with High Grounds police station regarding the incident. During the trial, it came to light that Amit had made fake documents.

The accused was arrested by the police for forging the DL and car number plate and registration in the name of Chandrasekhar.

During the inquiry, it has come to light that he was previously blacklisted by the cab company. So, he joined the job with fake documents. **–BMB**

As Go First cancels flights, fliers bear the brunt

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Go First airlines on Tuesday filed for insolvency resolution due to grounding of its aircrafts and severe cash crunch situation. The airline stated that all its flights will be suspended for three days starting from May 3-5, which created panic among fliers, including Bengalureans.

A lot of people would opt for Go First airlines as it offers cheaper fares on most of the routes both domestic and international, that was convenient for people.

On Tuesday the airlines said a full refund will be issues through original payment method. Despite the flight cancellation slated between May 3-5, a Bengalurean revealed that he had booked a round trip journey from Bengaluru to Maldives between May 6-9 which got cancelled.

"I booked two tickets for my mom and dad at a cost of Rs 35,634. I received an email stating the flight has been cancelled. I then initiated a refund request and after a few days received an amount of Rs 33,734. Over Rs 1,900 was deducted staying that it was a convenience fee. How it is my fault that my money had to be deducted when the flight was cancelled by the airlines itself?" asked Zamaan Sait.

Sait then had to book tickets on a different airline From May 19- 23 and had to shell out Rs 10,000 more.

Another traveller, Mayur G, a banker by profession, who had gone for a holiday to Goa and has booked a return ticket to Bengaluru on May 9 is now sceptical. "We have still not received any cancellation alert till now. I am regularly checking for updates so that we don't get stuck at the airport during the last minute."

As a result, there has been an increase in rates among the other airlines. Tickets from Bengaluru to New Delhi on a popular booking showcased that on May 4, the flight rates are costing anywhere between Rs 11,000 to even going up to 32,000. Similar on May 5, the flight rates are starting from Rs 9,000 and going up to Rs 32,000. While on May 8, the airline fare dropped between Rs 6,000-Rs 8,000.

A travel agent on condition of anonymity said the sudden cancellation of flights has caused a lot of inconvenience who have booked packages for international flights.

Want to know travel time? Look up at live sign boards

Police plan to install LED screens at junctions with traffic updates for commuters to calculate time of travel

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Are you dependent on Google Maps to know your estimated time of arrival (ETA)? Well, now city traffic police are also experimenting at a few traffic junctions where the road users struck at the junction are provided information on the ETA of some of the famous destinations. For example, at Bhashyam Circle, Sadashivanagar is beaming live journey times like it would take 34 minutes to reach the airport, 20 minutes for the railway station, and 16 minutes for Vidhana Soudha, etc. A senior traffic police official told Bangalore Mirror that Sankey Road has seen quite a few experiments recently. "We have banned the movement of traffic on the main road during peak hours. Earlier, we had posted a few cops to guide the motorists on the diversion they had to take in the peak hours. Though we had banners, we thought we needed an effective mechanism.

So, we have installed an LED screen to give out information. Now, we have tried to add information by providing vital information like live traffic journey updates so that road users have an idea of their ETA," he said. This is just the beginning as the traffic police plan to add more information in the months to come, he informed.

Furthermore, police said that LED screens and monitors, as well as projectors streaming texts on traffic discipline, have become their latest tools for spreading awareness. These message boards will be helpful in providing vital information like the re-direction of road routes, road closures, civic works in progress, roads becoming one-way, etc. that could be conveyed through the display systems.

According to a senior official, the police intend to spread the message of road discipline.

"For some time, we have been installing temporary variable message display systems at prominent junctions. We hope that these initiatives of awareness will ultimately lead to traffic discipline and order among road users. We display various awareness messages like wear helmets and seat belts, follow lane discipline, no zig-zag driving, do not drink and drive, and other messages," he said.

Generally, the messages are displayed during the evenings as there is better visibility. For a long time, many variable sign boards have been placed at various vantage points. However, as time passed, these display systems became dysfunctional due to technical glitches, he added.

An LED sign board has been installed by city traffic police at Bhashyam Circle, Sadashivanagar

Peak hour experiment to continue

Currently, the traffic heading from Bhashyam Circle, Sadashivanagar to Cauvery underpass is banned during the peak hours (both in the morning as well as in the evenings).

Police say that this experiment is working well and they want to make it permanent. A senior police official said, ""As a pilot basis, we decided to divert the traffic from Bhashyam Circle to the Cauvery underpass as it was affecting the free flow of traffic from Mehkri Circle towards the BDA junction. Currently, we have banned it for a few hours during peak hours as the traffic flow is high on the airport road.

As of now, our analysis shows that this is working out well in decongesting the Cauvery underpass. We hope to continue the diversion for now."

The 'infamous' Cauvery underpass junction, which has become a laboratory of experiments, has now been installed with a traffic signal after the 'rope trick' (a rope was used by cops to divert the vehicles) failed.

Not in the list, no need to vote?

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Officer said that there is an option to re-appeal if the BLOs reject or delete voter ids. "We would like to go for a re-appeal. BLO Girija said that she has a lot of pressure from political parties not to oblige people from apartment complexes because they do not come to the polling booths to exercise their franchise," he said.

Expressing shock over the deletion of his name from the voters' list, Sanjay Kumar Jha, a resident of SK Daisy, Hulimangala, said that he had exercised his franchise in the panchayat elections. "I was shocked to see my name missing from the voters' list. I complained to BLO Girija but in vain," said Jha, adding that the BLO did not inform him before deleting his name from the voters' list.

Ishaan Singh's story is exactly the same as the others. "I had exercised my franchise in two elections – last Assembly elections and panchayat elections. Now, my name is missing from the voters' list despite having the voter id," said Ishaan Singh, a resident of Concorde Tech Turf Apartments.

Vikash Kant said that his better-half is lucky to have her name in the voters' list. "I am disappointed by the apathy of the BLO who failed to include my name to the voters' list. My application has been rejected without any valid reason," said Kant, a resident of SK Daisy Apartments.

The Election Commission appoints booth level officers (BLOs) who have to interact with local people or political parties' representatives to identify dead/shifted/duplicate voters and remove them from the electoral roll after due process of law.

Meanwhile, BLO Girija said that she could not register their names because they belong to a different polling booth. "It is true that they have approached me but I advised them to contact another BLO in-charge for the polling booth number 434," said Girija.

When contacted, Sadat Unnisa, the BLO in-charge for the polling booth number 434, said that she received no complaints from the public about missing names from the voters' list.

Will the voters whose names are missing from the voters' list be able to exercise their franchise? They have to wait and watch.

Falling leaves are reason for people to go chop, chop

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prerequisite to tree felling. The Act defines 'tree' as a woody plant with branches that grow from or are supported by a trunk that is at least 5.5 cm in diametre and one metre tall above the ground. According to the officials, any illegal tree cutting attracts penalties that are calculated based on ascertained values of the trees cut.

"We lodge FIR and then value the tree that was axed. This number is compounded four times to decide the fine amount to be imposed on the defaulter. Regular offenders are charge-sheeted and sent to the court. There is a provision for imprisonment if it is a special tree such as sandalwood or rosewood. Anyone who has to raise a complaint regarding a tree being cut without permission can reach out to the forest department directly," added Sikkaligar.

Nonetheless, trees are being cut and branches are being trimmed by many private property owners in the city without proper authorization; in some cases, allegedly assisted by BBMP and BESCOM officials.

According to a resident of Benson Town, there have been more than one occasion whereby BBMP officials have facilitated the process on demand by citizens.

"A famous five star hotel in the area lopped off more than half of a tree a few months back. The reason being, leaves falling on his expensive car that used to be parked on the other side of the hotel. While this is against the Tree Act, the tree was chopped by BBMP and BESCOM officials together," alleged the resident who claimed to be on the spot when the tree was cut. However, BBMP officials say unless there is permission to cut trees, BBMP cannot be a part of the process.

A similar incident of a resident from Indiranagar, hell-bent on cutting two trees in front of his private property, has also surfaced recently, which has left other residents in the area fuming.

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Dirt heap

Haines Road

Unattended garbage has piled up for the past two months, causing the area on Haines Road opposite Shams Convention Centre to stink.

Wrong place

DRDO Colony

The wall, opposite DRDO colony, Phase 1, Gate 5, is being used as a urinal by taxi drivers, causing a nuisance for pedestrians.

Correct it!

Mahalakshmi Layout

Misleading road signs at Temple Junction, Mahalakshmi Layout, confuse commuters.

'Covid loot': Complaint against BSY, ministers

An RTI activist has lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta against former Karnataka Chief Minister and BJP leader BS Yediyurappa, sitting ministers and nine IAS officers for alleged loot and embezzlement of Rs 821.22 crore during the pandemic.

The complaint by TJ Abraham had been lodged against 28 persons and documents were also submitted to the Karnataka Lokayukta, pressing for investigation.

According to the complaint, during the management of Covid, through Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), crores of rupees were misused and fraud was committed by showing purchases of ambulances.

Yediyurappa, then CM, Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, then Deputy CM, minister for housing V Somanna, then education minister V Suresh Kumar, Minister for Urban Development Bhyrathi Basavaraju, Excise minister K Gopalaiah, BDA Chairman, BJP MLA SR Vishwanath are named in the complaint.

The complaint also mentions IAS officers Gaurav Gupta, Manoj Kumar Meena, Dr P Jaffer, Ravikumar Surpur, V Anbu Kumar, Dr N Manjula, Dr R Vishal, Ujjwal Kumar Gosh, Pankaj Kumar Pandey.

"A criminal act of fraud, misappropriation and embezzlement of public funds within the Rs 821.22 crore allegedly spent by BBMP to manage the Covid pandemic in Bengaluru. The accused BJP leaders were in-charge of various zones during Covid for effective management.

"... This is to draw your attention specifically to the anti-public interest acts committed by the accused persons, in the form of the criminal fraud of falsely showing four-seater Sedan maxi cabs, three-wheeler autos, three-wheeler luggage carriers and two-wheeler bikes as also ambulances during the Covid-19 pandemic and falsely claiming the rentals for ambulances," the complaint said.

The GPS was not used in any of the vehicles. The complainant has demanded registration of a FIR as mandated by the Supreme Court under sections Prevention of Corruption Act and under several IPC sections.

– IANS

Illegal abortion racket busted

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Though unauthorised abortions are banned, such illegal practices continue to exist in Karnataka.

A release from the Department of Health and Family Welfare said that following a complaint, a team of officials inspected a location in Tumakuru district and found a female midwife performing an unauthorised abortion in a house in Jyotinagar, Sira taluk.

The officials seized the equipment: tools and medicines used for abortion and instructed the district health and family welfare and taluk health officials to file a complaint under the Abortion Act.

The release added that unauthorised abortions can lead to death as well as morbidities like permanent infertility, infection, and spread of serious diseases.

"Due to the lack of promotion of contraception usage after the abortion, the situation will lead to unwanted pregnancy morbidity to the use of post-abortion contraceptives. The risk of unwanted pregnancy is high which can be fatal to a mother's health.

To have a healthy sexual and reproductive life and to undergo legal, safe abortion services it is advised to avail of such services from registered medical professionals in the notified facility," said a health officer.

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How beautiful is the rain!

As city received rainfall on Wednesday, some Bengalureans looked for shelters while others went about on their business; some used umbrellas while some just used whatever they had on hand and some stood by and took a forced break from the hustle

It's already time for mango showers?

South Interior Karnataka, including Bengaluru to receive rainfall for next five days

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Scattered to widespread very light to moderate rains are predicted over Bengaluru Urban

Cyclones during the summer are uncommon, but a cyclone may be brewing in the Bay of Bengal and may form next week, though the experts say that it is too early to predict. Meteorological officials said that there is still no clarity on which path the cyclone will take so that they can alert the areas that will be affected by heavy rainfall. However, sources say that the cyclonic path could be heading to West Bengal or Myanmar, and this could mean that there could be minimal effect on Karnataka.

A Prasad, scientist at India Meteorological Centre said, "A cyclonic circulation is likely to develop over the southeast Bay of Bengal around May 6. Under its influence, a low pressure area is likely to form over the same region around May 7. It is likely to concentrate into a depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal on May 8. Thereafter, there is a good possibility of its intensification while moving nearly northward towards the central Bay of Bengal. The details of its path and intensification will be provided after the formation of a low-pressure area. The system is under constant watch and being monitored regularly."

If the cyclone is formed, it will be named Mocha. Experts say that there have been cyclones in the past that appeared in May, like Yaas (May 23–28, 2021), and Amphan (May 16–21, 2020).

> **"Currently, two weather systems are at play, including a trough extending from MP till Tamil Nadu at an altitude of 1.5 km above mean sea level**
>
> –A Prasad, scientist

Meanwhile, Bengaluru could receive rainfall for the next five days. Prasad said, "Currently, two weather systems are at play, including a trough extending from Madhya Pradesh till Tamil Nadu at an altitude of 1.5 km above mean sea level (MSL) and an upper air cyclonic circulation in the northern portions of Tamil Nadu at a height of 3.3 km to 8.5 km above MSL. Due to these systems, south interior Karnataka, including Bengaluru, would receive rainfall for the next five days."

It was mostly cloudy in the city on Wednesday, and the temperature dipped considerably. According to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) data, Kengeri and Ullal recorded 34.9 degrees Celsius, while other areas like Hosakerehalli recorded 33.5 degrees Celsius. There was a drop in the minimum temperature as well.

Prasad added, "Many areas in the state have received rainfall since Tuesday. The highest rainfall was reported from Tumakuru (11 cm), Pavagada (9 cm), Channapatna (8 cm), Vijayapura (4 cm), Doddaballapur (3 cm), and Kempegowda International Airport (1 cm)." As per the KSNDMC data, Hemmigepura received 1.2 cm, Puttenahalli received 1.1 cm, and Konanakunte received 1.1 cm.

A weather bulletin stated that there could be widespread light to moderate rains with isolated heavy rains or thundershowers likely to prevail over the BBMP area on Thursday, with maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 30 and 21 degrees Celsius, respectively. Overall, scattered to widespread very light to moderate rains are predicted over Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Tumakuru, and Chamarajanagar districts.

KIA's Terminal 2 sees leakage after rain

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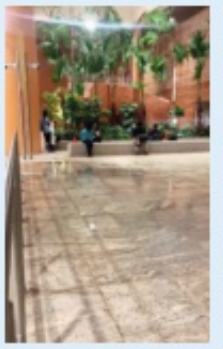
A video from terminal 2 of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) was shared widely by many social media users on Tuesday. In the video, water can be seen seeping through the roof of the terminal 2 building of the airport. "Looks all fancy but can't withstand Bangalore rains," claimed a user on Twitter. The meteorological department reported that there was 9.8 mm of rain in the KIA area in the past 24 hours.

The terminal, constructed at a cost of Rs 5,000 crore, was unveiled by PM Narendra Modi in November last year. Spread across 2,55,645 sq m, phase 1 of the terminal holds 22 gates, 17 security check lanes, and nine baggage claim belts. Operations started in January this year, with Star Air being the first airline to start services.



Water leaking from Terminal 2 of KIA

Chaitanya, an air passenger said, ""First impressions were that of sustainable architecture. The use of cane and natural skylights seemed exceptional until the rains showed what the quality of construction is. It was an utter shock to see the water leaking from the roof, and that too at an airport where the quality expected is nothing less than top-notch." Other air passengers added that they were quite disappointed with the situation at the terminal. Deepali Savur, another air passenger told Bangalore Mirror that this was certainly a matter of carelessness.

Meanwhile, according to BIAL, domestic traffic increased by 85.2% to 28.12 million in FY23 as compared to 15.18 million in FY22.

We have a (drug) problem

1,662.28 kilograms of drugs seized at election check posts

File photo of a check post set up by Mandya district police; cops say It is common to seize freebies during inspections

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As the elections draw near, officials have set up checkpoints across the state to monitor violations of the model code of conduct. 1,689 kg of drugs have been seized so far, which has baffled even the officials, pointing to the widespread drug transport in the state, especially in Bengaluru. According to the Election Commission's information as of Wednesday, officials have seized drugs valued at Rs 21,37,23,206. In fact, on May 1 and 3, 209.53 kg of drugs valued at Rs 2.7 crore and 20.3 kg of drugs valued at Rs 19.74 lakh were seized, respectively.

> **"If cops are suspicious, they can stop vehicles immediately and check belongings. The drug seizures reported have been found via such checks**
>
> – Police official

A senior official said, "It is common to seize cash or freebies during surprise inspections. However, the seizure of drugs indicates various issues plaguing the city. Firstly, the police need to investigate whether these drugs have been transported to woo voters illegally or whether the drugs were being transported to clients, and we have caught them because we have been conducting surprise checks. I feel that since this is a surprise inspection, the seizure of drugs can only be the tip of the iceberg, and a thorough check can lead to further seizures." Another official said that there is no 'naaka bandi' in the city to check vehicles regularly unless special drives are taken up. This could be one reason why the transport of substances has not been caught. Currently, temporary checkpoints have been set up across the city, and officials are monitoring vehicles. "If they feel suspicious, they can stop the vehicle immediately and check the belongings. The drug seizures reported have been found via such checks," they added.

According to cumulative data provided on May 3, excise seizures were valued at Rs 76.07 crore, gold at Rs 82.77 crore, and silver at Rs 4.54 crore.

POLL VAULT

An election official said, "So far, we have impounded 18 arms while 20 arms licenses have been cancelled. The excise department officials have booked 3,247 heinous cases, 3,004 cases for breach of licence conditions, 94 NDPS, and 30,132 cases under Section 15 (a) of Karnataka Excise Act 1965."

Meanwhile, the Karnataka Government Secretariat has notified the following: Under the Negotiable Instruments Act 1881, a public holiday is declared on May 10 in view of elections. The holiday applies to all nationalised banks, other banks, and the concerned offices within the jurisdiction of all local bodies and municipal corporations. It is also ordered to grant a paid holiday to all permanent and daily wage workers working in all business undertakings, industrial undertakings, and any other public establishments.

As it is a public holiday, many tourist destinations will be closed. The horticulture department has announced that entry to Nandi hills will be barred on May 10.

Pre-poll wrap: What is Karnataka up to?

BJP's Yatnal gets EC notice

The Election Commission on Wednesday issued a notice to BJP leader Basangouda Patil Yatnal for his "vishkanya" remark against Congress leader Sonia Gandhi.

The notice issued by Koppal District Election Officer in Karnataka said prima facie he has violated provisions of the model code.

The BJP's star campaigner has been asked to respond to the notice by Thursday evening. The poll panel took cognisance of his remarks based on media reports. –PTI

CEC hails 103-year-old voter

Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has spoken to a 103-year-old voter in Karnataka's Belagavi district over the phone to thank him for exercising his franchise using the home voting facility, officials said.

Mahadeva Mahalinga Mali recently cast his vote from home at Chikkodi in Belagavi.

Voting for the assembly polls in Karnataka will be held on May 10. Home voting takes place before the actual election date in full secrecy in presence of poll officials and representatives of political parties. – PTI

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PM to feature in 2 road shows, 4 public meetings

As part of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s ongoing campaigns in poll-bound Karnataka, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take out two mega road shows and four public meetings this weekend, sources said on Wednesday.

According to sources, PM Modi will arrive in Bangalore on the night of May 5 and will hold two roadshows in the city on May 6.

The first roadshow will cover about 8 km while the other will cover a distance of 30 km, they said.

Similarly, on May 7, PM Modi will also address four public meetings in different parts of the state.

PM Modi is also expected to visit Karnataka on the last day of the election campaigning for which preparations are already on.

Prior to this, PM Modi took out a roadshow of 5 kilometres in Bengaluru, and a roadshow in Mysore, with participation from a large number of people.

Even during the Gujarat elections, Prime Minister took out a roadshow of more than 25 kilometres covering 19 assembly constituencies of Ahmedabad.

Earlier, on Tuesday, Prime Minister held a mega roadshow in Kalaburagi.

During the roadshow, people queued up on both sides of the road through which the Prime Minister's cavalcade passed and cheered for him.

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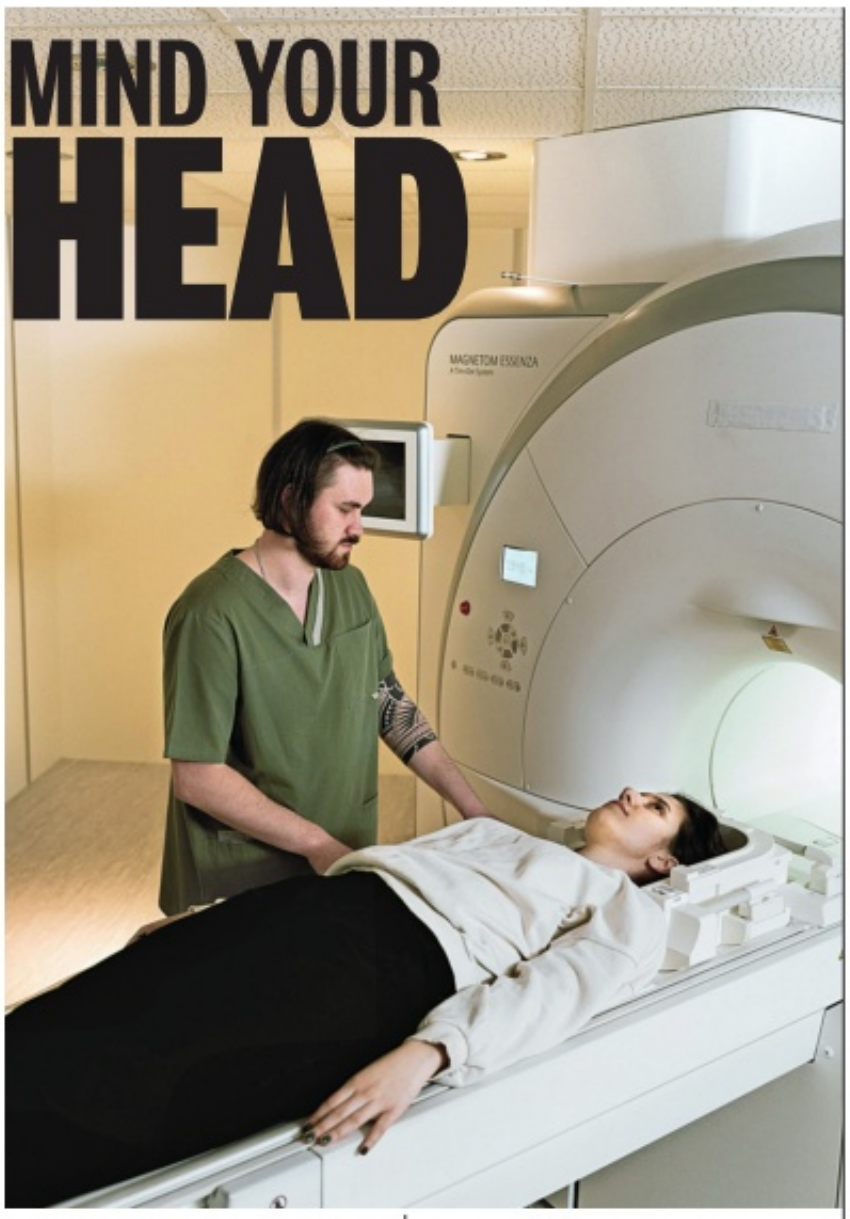

Concussion: almost half of people still show signs of brain injury after six months

Around 56 million people globally suffer a concussion each year. It's common for concussion to cause short-term symptoms such as a headache, nausea, sensitivity to light and problems concentrating.

But many people also struggle with long-term symptoms – including fatigue, trouble sleeping and concentrating, and emotional distress. Previous research found that clinicians estimated one in ten people might experience long-term symptoms after a concussion.

But our recent study estimates that post-concussive symptoms are far more common. Our study, published in Brain, found that almost half of people who suffered a concussion had not fully recovered six months after their injury.

To conduct our study, we analysed brain scans from over 100 patients who had recently experienced concussion from all across Europe. These brain scans were conducted using a technique called resting-state functional MRI (fMRI).

A resting-state fMRI measures brain activity when a person is at rest, which can be used to understand how different regions of the brain communicate. This allows us to understand if the brain is functioning as it should or if there are problems with a person's brain connectivity.

A resting-state fMRI can also tell us more than a CT scan or MRI might. While these types of scans are often given to concussion patients, both only look for structural changes in the brain – such as inflammation or bruising.

Such changes often don't occur in mild concussion cases soon after injury, which may lead clinicians to believe no brain damage has occurred. But a resting-state fMRI can show us more subtle changes in brain function – and may help us better predict who is more likely to develop long-term symptoms.

In our analyses, we specifically looked for changes in a region in the centre of the brain called the thalamus. This region is important in integrating sensory information and relaying it throughout the entire brain.

The thalamus is also thought to be very vulnerable to the kind of external force that leads to concussion (such as a fall or blow to the head).

Our research found that concussion was associated with increased functional connectivity between the thalamus and the rest of the brain very shortly after injury, when compared to 76 healthy control subjects.

In other words, the thalamus was trying to communicate more as a result of the injury. This was despite routine MRI and CT imaging showing no structural changes in the brain.

While many of us would assume that more connectivity in the brain is a good thing, research looking at more severe head injuries indicates that greater connectivity between brain regions might actually be a sign of the brain trying to compensate and offset damage across the brain.

We also found that almost half of people with concussion had not fully recovered six months after the injury.

Our analysis showed that participants who had signs of greater thalamus connectivity in their brain very soon after injury were more likely to later develop post-concussive symptoms, such as fatigue and poor concentration.

Our research makes an important step in understanding concussion, showing that even a single brain injury can have clear consequences in some people. This damage may also not show up in the types of scans concussion patients are routinely given, suggesting it may be time to expand the types of imaging used.

We found that in people who experienced long-term symptoms, functional changes were still present in the brain 12 months after the injury. These effects were found in a sub-group who returned for scanning a year after their injury, and were not seen in patients without long-term symptoms.

Concussion is often viewed as a short-term event, but these findings suggest it can be a long-term disease, and some people may take longer to recover than others.

Our study also found that the long-term symptoms a person experiences may relate to different areas of the brain. We found that people who experienced long-term cognitive symptoms (such as concentration and memory problems) had increased connectivity from the thalamus to areas of the brain linked with noradrenaline – a chemical messenger in the brain.

Whereas people who experienced long-term emotional problems (such as depression or irritability) had greater connectivity to areas that produced a different chemical messenger, serotonin.

This not only shows us how concussion affects people differently, it may also give us targets we can use to develop drugs that alleviate concussion symptoms.

While concussion is considered a "mild" traumatic brain injury, our findings show it's anything but – and can have long-term consequences for a large proportion of people. Although there's still a lot we don't know about concussion – including the effects that repetitive concussion may have on the brain – it's promising to see this condition is being taken more seriously, especially in sports where it can be common.

New UK guidelines for grassroots sports like football and rugby now require players to sit out of play for at least 24 hours after a suspected concussion, which may help to prevent concussion and improve recovery after one.

(By Rebecca Woodrow, David Menon and Emmanuel A Stamatakis from University of Cambridge The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

Healthy internet use may help protect against dementia

Scientists have found that regular internet use can reduce the dementia risk and healthy online engagement may help develop and maintain cognitive functions.

Regular internet users experienced approximately half the risk of dementia than non-regular users.

Being a regular internet user for longer periods in late adulthood was associated with delayed cognitive impairment, although further evidence is needed on potential adverse effects of excessive usage, according to new research published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.

For the study, investigators followed 18,154 dementia-free adults aged 50 to 64.9 years for a median of 7.9 years and a maximum of 17.1 years.

During follow-up, 4.68 per cent of participants were diagnosed with dementia.

Regular internet usage was associated with approximately half the risk of dementia compared with non-regular usage. This link was found regardless of educational attainment, race-ethnicity, sex, and generation.

"Online engagement may help to develop and maintain cognitive reserve, which can in turn compensate for brain aging and reduce the risk of dementia," said corresponding author Virginia W. Chang of New York University.

The association between time-to-dementia and baseline internet usage was examined using cause-specific Cox models, adjusting for delayed entry and covariates.

"Furthermore, we examined whether the risk of dementia varies by the cumulative period of regular internet usage to see if starting or continuing usage in old age modulates subsequent risk," the study noted. —IANS

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Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

A bus company has recently expanded and no longer has enough room for all its buses. Twelve of their buses have to be stored outside. They plan to increase their garage space by 40%, this will give them enough room for all their current buses, plus enough room to store another twelve buses in the future. How many buses does the company currently own?

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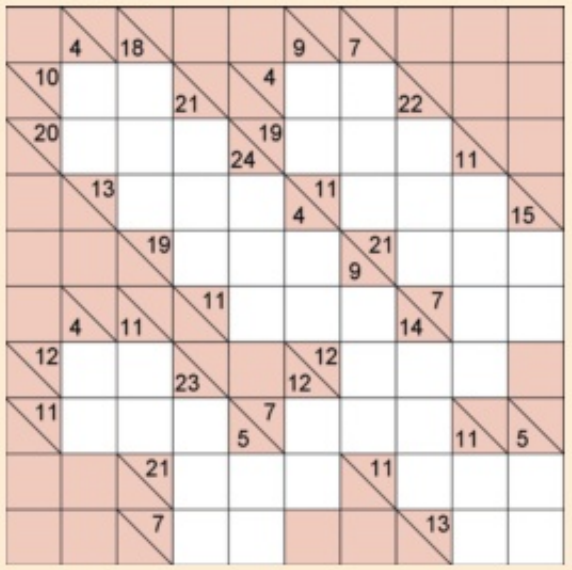
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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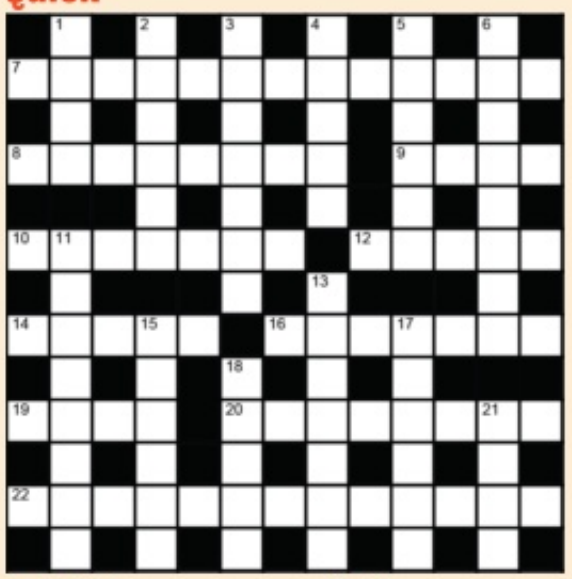


ACROSS

7 Understanding (13)
8 Certainly, without a doubt (2,6)
9 Is in debt (4)
10 Does this creature think it can't be seen when it buries its head? (7)
12 Go off course (5)
14 Hundred lakhs in our country ? (5)
16 Tranquillizes (7)
19 Needy (4)
20 Clothes closet (8)
22 Continuous (13)

DOWN

1 Bark of a dog (4)
2 Commotion, hubbub (6)
3 Wart (7)
4 Distributed (5)
5 Arrange or classify; mix (6)
6 Bear with, stand (8)
11 Besiege (8)
13 Italian F1 team (7)
15 Revivals of stage-shows (2-4)
17 Unexpected (6)
18 Rough woollen fabric (5)
21 India's ___ capital: Bangalore for sure (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS L

JTZ GUU QABKZ FQZBEVQA, LBE IBZB FTLBQKLBF UKMB UKQQUB NAKUYZBE.

Linemaro

When I see you, I feel a poem coming on

Mindchow

Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things

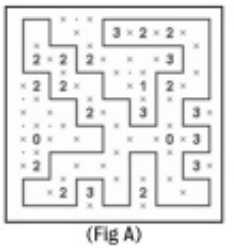
Joke of the day

Is it dangerous to swim on a full stomach? Yes. It's better to swim on water

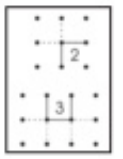
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



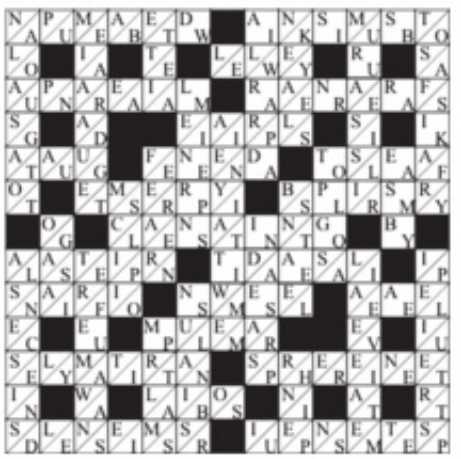
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

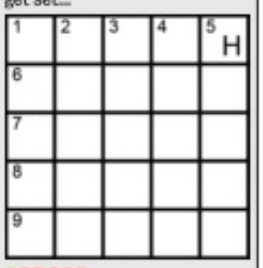
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set....



ACROSS

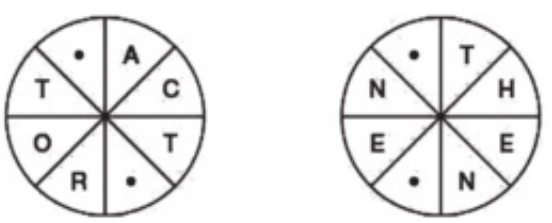
1 C Math; 6 Ligae; 7 Groat; 8 Umami; 9 Scant

DOWN

1 Gamic; 2 Am Aga; 3 Taint; 4 Lo cut; 5 Mrs he

Mensapuzzle

Fill in the blanks and find two words that are synonyms.



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

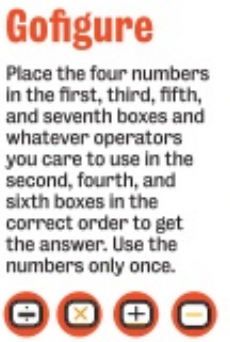
SudokuChallenge

		7				3		
		5	7		8	6		
	2			3			7	
	7			5			8	
8			3		7			9
	1			8			2	
	9			7			6	
		2	9		5	1		
		1				9		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 4
2 5 8 9

Medium = 16
5 5 6 9

Hard = 22
2 4 9 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

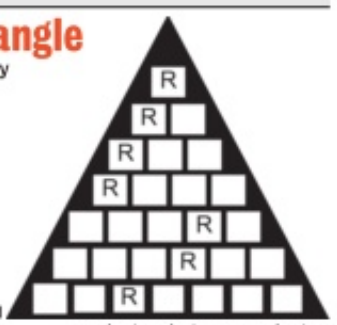
Differences: 1. Candle is larger. 2. Back of chair is different. 3. Fingers are moved. 4. Plate is missing. 5. Necklace is different. 6. Neckline of vest is different.

Riddler

If every letter of the alphabet is worth its numerical value (A=1, B=2, C=3), what's a common 11-letter word whose letter values total only 52?

Alpha triangle

1 Radius in geometry
2 In reference to
3 Soak in water
4 Musical hiatus
5 Unwavering look
6 Warns
7 Biggest



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

PRETTY STRIKING THONG, HOWARD
I KNOW!
I MADE IT MYSELF... IT'S BLACK VELVET!
WHERE'D YOU GET THE MATERIAL?
I SHOT AN ELVIS PAINTING!

Hart of the city

HEY, DEERIE, TONE IT DOWN! YOU'RE HOGGING ALL OF THE ATTENTION!
GO DE
IF YOU ALL PLAYED BETTER, I'M SURE YOU'D GET MORE ATTENTION.
TAKE THAT BACK!
OOF!
NO!

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your spiritual power may make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spirituality today, and you may plan to visit some spiritual places. You may also take an interest in occult science. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. It is advised to keep your views to yourself.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today is a good day, and you may be able to survive any type of messy situation. Your patience may be tested many times, but with the blessings of the elders, you may complete your work efficiently. Students are advised to study with patience. Love birds shall control their harsh conversations to maintain harmony in the relationship.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, things are coming back on track. Your lost confidence may come back, and you may enjoy your work. Couples are likely to enjoy their love life, and they may hear good news in terms of a new child. Disputes between siblings may be settled down.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel nervous and lack patience. For seeking peace, you may be attracted to the occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also gain depth knowledge on a subject or have good focus towards your research.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel disappointed every moment. You may not be able to enjoy your work, and you may find yourself uncomfortable everywhere. Investments in fixed assets are advised to be postponed for some days, and your parents' health may make you upset.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you are not blessed by the elders, and you may feel unhappy. You may become impatient today, and if given a responsibility, you are likely to perform it unhappily. You want to be detached from the responsibility given, and you may not be able to complete any task.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, your moon is placed in a good position, and you may expect some positive momentum in your professional and domestic life. You are likely to see gains in terms of your investments, and you may get reciprocation of help from your friends and relatives. Your hard work may pay you in terms of success.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day, and your vital power may help you to make difficult decisions in the business. You may get positive results from your hard work, and you may expect to get a big order that can grow your business multiple times. You are likely to find love.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, work-related stress may go away. Your earnings may convert into profits now, and you are likely to invest for a long term period. You may get an overseas work order, which may give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your true love, and students may hear good news in their academics.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may do better, and your kids' health is better now. You can plan to make some investments in their future. You are likely to be more loyal towards your job. Job seekers may find a good job with the help of a reference. You may be able to find your hidden enemies and counter them with the help of blessings.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is a good day, and you may be polite with the people around you. You may help someone who is needy, and you may also spend money to buy some household stuff, which may affect your savings. You may get prestige and position in your family.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and you may perform better in your professional life. You may easily implement your business plans with the help of your subordinates. Intellectual and financial investments may start giving you profits now, which may increase your confidence level. You can use your wisdom to gain profits. However, due to workload, you may not be able to give proper time to your family.

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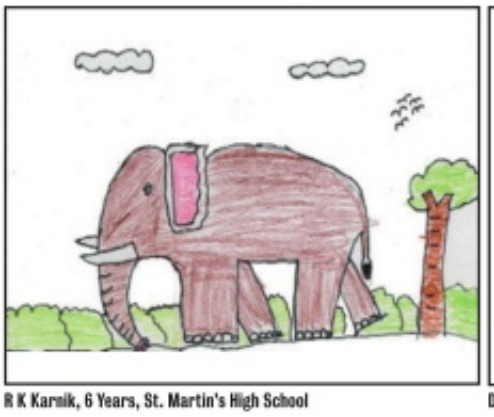

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Let x = number of buses
x – 12 = current capacity of garage space
1.4(x – 12) = x + 12
1.4x – 16.8 = x + 12
0.4x = 28.8
x = 72

BULL'S EYE
drunk, DRUNKEN, dune, dunk, nude, nuke, rend, rune, under

M	A	T	C	H	
A	G	I	L	E	
G	A	T	O	R	
I	M	A	U	M	
C	A	N	T	S	

FAST FIVE

STRIKE OUT

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
protract, lengthen.

RIDDLER
Abracadabra

QUOTE UNCODE
For all their strength, men were sometimes like little children.

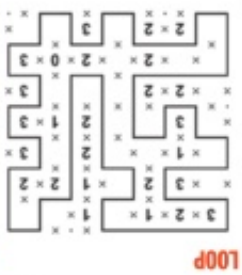
SUDOKU

6	5	1	8	4	2	9	3	7
7	3	2	9	6	5	1	4	8
4	9	8	1	7	3	2	6	5
5	1	3	4	8	9	7	2	6
8	6	4	3	2	7	5	1	9
2	7	9	6	5	1	4	8	3
9	2	6	5	3	4	8	7	1
3	4	5	7	1	8	6	9	2
1	8	7	2	9	6	3	5	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Ra, Rat, Rest, Stare, Alerts, Largest.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 2 + 5 – 8 = 4
Medium
5 / 5 + 6 + 9 = 16
Hard
4 + 9 x 2 – 4 = 22

LOOP



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 # Emma Watson on acting break

Actress Emma Watson spoke about the reasons why she is taking an acting break. Watson, who rose to fame g in the Harry Potter franchise as Hermione Granger, said that she 'wasn't very happy' and 'felt a bit caged'

Pretty precious

5 beauties who aced the style of pearls

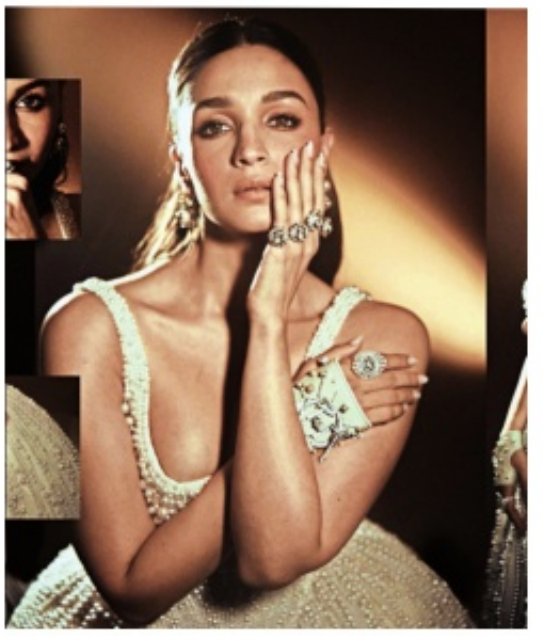
We are still reeling under the after-effect of the dazzling show that is the Met Gala and especially the spell cast by Alia Bhatt in her pearl-studded outfit. So, here's a look at five actresses who have carried off pearls like queens.

Deepika Padukone

Deepika Padukone wore an Abu Janu Sandeep Khosla saree at the Cannes Film Festival. Amidst various other looks of her, this one stood out the most. It was also one of her favourites. The pearl collar was the soul of this look. Her bustier also featured white pearls and crystals. Those smoky eyes in contrast with the ethereal white further made this look perfect. This saree look of DP will be remembered for times to come.

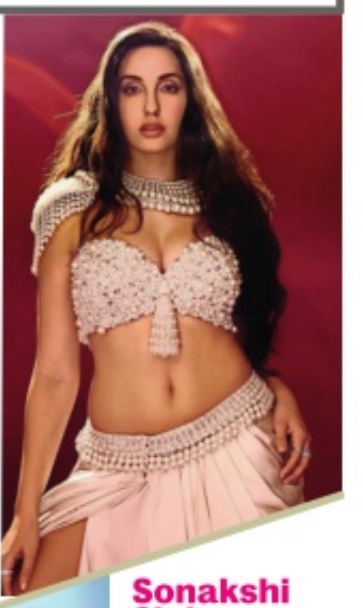
Alia Bhatt

Alia Bhatt left everyone stunned with her Met Gala debut. Alia's look was inspired by supermodel Claudia Schiffer's Chanel bridal look, as this year's MET had the Karl Lagerfeld theme. In Alia's words, 'A girl can never have too many pearls', and her dress was made with 100,000 pearls. She also opted for a beautiful bow of pearls as a hair accessory. Alia's look was pretty, graceful, charming and had a princess vibe to it. She indeed nailed her debut at Met Gala with this pearly white.



Nora Fatehi

Nora is a fashionista for a reason. She carries off every outfit with a lot of confidence and panache. The actress also stunned in a pearl-studded attire. The pearl collar and bustier studded with crystal and peals left people stunned. She opted to leave her hair open with added further charm to this overall look.



Saiee Manjrekar

Saiee Manjrekar recently attended the Filmfare awards in an elegant white bodycon gown with a halter back. Her long lustrous waves left open, along with white diamond earrings perfectly complemented the dress. The actress indeed made heads turn with this classy look.

Sonakshi Sinha

Sonakshi looked elegant in a pristine white saree with a transparent while cape that had a stylish pearl stand-collar. Her saree was also laced with a peal border. She complimented the look with a winged liner and bindi with diamond studs and hair tied into a bun. Sonakshi had also accessorised her hair with white flowers to match up to her outfit.

The stars are out

Cricketer Virat Kohli never misses a chance to share moments with his better-half Anushka Sharma. The former captain of the Indian national cricket team took to Instagram on Wednesday to post a smiling picture from his day out with his wife in Delhi.

"Out and about in delhi @ anushkasharma," he wrote.

The couple were relaxing in the beautiful rainy weather of the national capital. Anushka can be seen dressed in a black Zip Hoodie and Virat looked smart in Grey T-shirt.

As soon as the picture was uploaded, the Indian batter's fans and industry friends chimed in the comment section. One of the users wrote, "Do Dil Ek Dilli".

Another commented, "Best batsman and the best couple in the world"

Another Comment came from the offical account of delhi Capitals, "Welcome home, King".

The couple landed in Delhi for Virat's IPL match in the national capital. Delhi Capitals will face Royal Challengers Bangalore on May 6. Ahead of the match, Virat took some time off and went out with his wife, Anushka Sharma.

The 'Rab ne bana di jodi' actor , on the other hand, will be seen in her brother Karnesh Sharma's produced film 'Chakda Xpress'.The actor has two more big Bollywood projects confirmed to release soon.

— ANI

SRK not in mood for selfies

Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, whose last film 'Pathaan' created wonder at the box-office, is back in the bay as he landed in Mumbai recently. While moving from the airport premises to his car, he was surrounded by a lot of people who wanted to catch a glimpse of their favourite superstar.

As SRK waved to the crowd and moved ahead, wearing an all black attire with black t-shirt, black cargo pants and a black jacket, a fan tried to click a selfie with him.

SRK pushed his fan's hand away and was not in a mood to get clicked for the selfie. SRK, who sported a clean shaven look rounded up with a pair of sunglasses exited the airport premises with his manager Pooja Dadlani.

The video has gone viral inciting polarising responses from the people on the Internet.

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